पशुपालन और डेयरी से संबंधित कार्यक्रमों को लागू करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता दिया जाना

1591. श्री गोपाल सिंह ओ० सोलंकी: क्या पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य सरकारों द्वारा पशुपालन और डेयरी विकास के कार्यक्रमों को लागू करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार से वित्तीय सहायता की मांग की गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इन कार्यक्रमों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए स्वीकृत की गई वित्तीय सहायता का राज्य-वार विशेषकर गुजरात के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग के राज्य मंत्री (डा० रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह): (क) से (ग) तक सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Medicinal value of Neem tree

1592. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to find out the medicinal value of the Neem tree;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage Neem plantation and declare the same as a national tree?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA), (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of studies have been conducted on the anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-viral, insecticidal and anti-fertility/ contraceptive properties of Neem. The studies have indicated that Neem tree derivatives from the leaf, bark and kernels have medicinal properties for a wide range of diseases.

(c) Plantation of Neem tree is being encouraged by the Government as a part of soil & water conservation, agro-forestry, avenue plantation in various parts of the country. A National Seminar on Neem was organized during January, 1996 by the Ministry of Environmental & Forests. Declaration of Neem as a national tree was one of the agenda of the seminar.

Allocation of budget for conducting surveys and gauge conversion work

1593. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of allocations for conducting surveys for new lines and gauge conversion works;

(b) how many of them have been slashed and by when the proposed work of survey and gauge conversion wil! be completed; and

(c) the amount of expenditure incurred or proposed to be incurred on the said works in 1995-96 and 1996-97, line-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is contained in the Demands for Grants Part-II, pages 2.1.01 to 2.1.22 supplied to she Hon'ble Members with the documents ot the Railway Budget 1996-97 and may please be referred to.

No surveys have been slashed. The completion ot surveys is a gradual and on-going process.

Railway enquiries on Telephone

1594. DR. RANBIR SINGH:

SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether passengers holding wait-listed tickets can ascertain their confirmation position on telephone in all main cities of the country:

(b) if so, the telephone numbers of such service, city-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons for not providing such facilities despite development of computerised reservation facilities;

(d) whether passengers can ascertain the running, arrival and departure position of all the trains on telephone in all main cities of country; and

(e) if so, the telephone numbers of such service city-wise, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e) Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) lias been provided at stations serving metropolitean cities and also at few other stations for giving current status of reservation and train running position. The names of stations along with the telephone numbers are given below:—

Name ot' station	Telephone Nos.	
	Reservation Enquiry	Train running Position
Mumbai	2695959	2656565
Pune	636666	
Nagpur	550139, 5500684	—
Howrah	136,137& 538	131 & 1331
Patna	136	—
New Delhi	1330&I335	i330& 1335
Jammu Tawi	4315«2	._
Lucknow	1330, 1335	—
Varanasi	348972, 348973.	—
	34017!& 340172	—
Madras	1361.1362 4:! 363	—
Tiruchehirappalli	1361.I362& ! 363	—
Bangalore	1361,1362& 363	—
Jaipur	—	133
Vijayawada	136	-

Besides, as other important stations, telephones have been provided for giving position regarding reservation status and train running position

Financial asistance *to* Bihar lor introducing vocational courses

1595. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing substantial financial assistance to Government of Bihar for introducing vocational courses in the schools at the higher secondary level;

(n) if so. the details thereof for the last years, year-wise;

(c) the number of schools who have introduced vocational courses at the higher secondary level in the State as on date with district-wise details; and

(d) by when Government propose to introduce vocational courses in all the schools of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, following funds have been sanctioned to the Government of Bihar during the last three years:—

Year	Amount released (IN LAKHS)
1993-94	408.51
1994-95	157.87
1995-96	415.39

(c) and (d) The funds are released to the States based on the proposals received from them and the progress in implementation of the programme. The selection of the schools is also done by the State Governments. Accordingly on the basis of the proposals received from the State Govemment of Bihar. 753 vocational sections have been sanctioned in 251 schools of which State Government has operationalised 444 vocational sections in 151 schools spread out in all Districts.

Admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1596. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to slate;

(a) the number of applications for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas received during ! 996-97 academic session and the number of applicants who got admission during the said period;

(b) whether the number of students seeking admission in Kendriya Vidyalaya is increasing rapidly;

(c) if so, the percentage of annual increase for the last five years;

Vidyalaya Sangathan can accord special dispensation admissions in excees of the stipulated 10% of the regular admissions made in the preceding year; and

(e) if so, the details ... .a justification thereof?